HalW>n expansion of multinational drug Companies

1808. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA;

Will the Miniter of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lendations ol ' Hathi Comj to halt on fur multinational drug (production of tonics, cou] pain killers etc ted by Government; and

(b) if so, what s taken in this regard and what are asons the

' THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) The decisions of the Government on the Hathi Committee recommendations are contained in {he 1976 Drug Policy. A major decision among is that the existing foreign companies will be given formulation licences in future only if they are linked with the production of high technology bulk drugs from the basic stage. This decision has been vigorously implemented.

Research and development by multinational drug companies

1809. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS' be pleased to state:

(a) whethre it is a fact that according to Hathi Committee, the money spent on research and development in the drug industry in India is only 1115th of the money spent abroad by the pharmaceuticals firms;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the multinational pharmaceutical con cerns spent very small sums on re search and development in this country; and

(c) if so, what stops Government propose to improve the situa tion?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FER' 3 AMD INDUS- D COMPANY AFFAIRS [VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Sir. and (c) S the drug companies with fo equity such as Ciba-Geigy, Glaxo and Hoechst have investing aounts on R and D. by and large o_n R and D expenditure as a pnr-nover is lower in our country than in the advanced industrial countries. There are many incentives for R and D including exemption from price control of new-drugs developed through indegen-

isearch for a period of five years.

Coal based fertilizer plant

1810. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR; SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) how many coal based fertilizer plants have been set up during the Sixth Five Year Plan period and how many are proposed to be set up during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) how many of them will be set up in the backward districts of different States; and

(c) whether any coal-based ferti lizer plant is proposed to be set up in Vidharba area of Maharashtra State where coal i_s abundantly avail able?